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Applicant: Alsobrook, et al.
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PROCESSING VEGETABLES
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER RULE 1.102(d)

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Commissioner for Patents
PO BOX 1450
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Sir:

This is a Petition to Make Special the above-identified patent application. The grounds and conditions for granting this application special status are found in MPEP Section 708.02 VIII entitled "Special Examining Procedure for Certain New Applications - Accelerated Examination."

In support of this Petition, the Applicant:

- A. Submits a Credit Card Payment Form to cover the \$130.00 Petition fee required pursuant to Section 1.17(h);
- B. Presents all claims directed to a single invention;
- C. Submits the Statement of Bernard L. Klenke that a pre-examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication etc.;
- D. Submits a DETAILED DISCUSSION OF REFERENCES and how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references;

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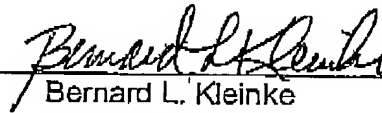
E. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.6-1.7, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502635. If the enclosed payment by Credit Card Payment Form or by check is unsigned or missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 502635.

Accordingly, the Applicant requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that the application undergo accelerated examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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